

Sullivan County Delegation Meeting

4/20/11

Ahern Building County Complex, Unity

Delegation Present: Representatives Beverly Rodeschin, Thomas Howard, John Cloutier, Philip "Joe" Osgood, Spec Bowers, Thomas Laware, Paul LaCasse, Andrew Schmidt, Steven Cunningham

Delegation Absent: Representatives Charlene Lovett, Steven Smith, Raymond Gagnon (Entered meeting at 6:11 pm), Benjamin Lefebvre

County Elected Officials and Employees Present: Commissioners Ben Nelson and John Callum, County Administrator Greg Chanis, Facilities Director John Cressy, Sullivan County Health Care Administrator Ted Purdy

Public Present: Former Rep. Larry Converse

Press Present: Archie Mountain of Eagle - Times

Chair Rep. Rodeschin opened meeting at 6:05 pm.

Rep. Howard moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the 2-16-11 Delegation meeting in Concord. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

County Administrator Greg Chanis then reviewed with the delegation the request by the county commissioner for a \$675,000 Supplemental Appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the installation of air conditioning in Sullivan Health Care Nursing Home.

Rep. Gagnon entered meeting at 6:11 pm.

Mr. Chanis reviewed a four-page handout (See Attachment) on the county's fund balance from 2004-2010 as well as the two-year change in the fund balance which recently occurred using the handout's third and fourth pages. Mr. Chanis discussed and answered questions from the delegates present about the proposed installation of air conditioning, which included more lighting upgrades as well as ceiling grid and tile replacement in Sullivan County Health Care. He was assisted by Facilities Director John Cressy.

Mr. Chanis and Cressy indicated that they received only two bids for the installation of air conditioning, and that the commissioners selected Lebanon's Economy Company as the winning bidder.

Mr. Chanis added that Economy has done a lot of work for the county, and that he is very "confident" that Economy will do a good job with the installation as well as servicing the air conditioning unit later.

He also said that Economy told him that the entire project could be completed by August, 2011 – in time to provide at least some relief from hot weather.

Mr. Cressy added that some Correctional Facility inmates will probably be used for some of the non-technical work in the installation of the air conditioning.

Rep. Rodeschin said that she was pleased with the air conditioning proposal – stating that it would provide increased comfort to the Sullivan County Health Care residents as well as staff.

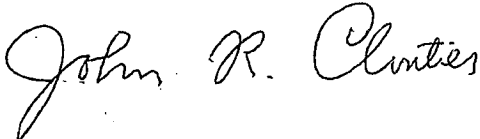
Mr. Chanis reported that the only public comment about the proposal that he had received from county residents was from Cornish. He said town officials questioned why it was being proposed as a supplemental appropriation in the middle of a fiscal year.

Rep. Osgood moved, Rep. LaCasse seconded a motion “that the county administrator be authorized to spend up to \$675,000 as a supplemental appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget – funds coming from the county’s unreserved fund balance, for HVAC work at Sullivan County Health Care.

Rep. Cloutier requested a roll call on the above-described motion.

Motion approved 10-0 on a roll call vote (See attached sheet)

Rep. LaCasse moved, Rep. Osgood seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm.



Rep. John R. Cloutier
Acting Clerk

Date minutes approved: 12/11/11